

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An Apparatus for the production of transversely ribbed tubes, comprising:
 mold jaw halves (16) which are circulatingly movable in a condition of bearing against each other along two guide paths (14) by means of a respective associated drive device (30), wherein the two guide paths (14) have a common mold section (18), a respective return section (20) and two respective direction-changing sections (22; 24), wherein the respective direction-changing section (22; 24) has a direction-changing member (26; 28) provided with an arcuate guide edge (54) for the mold jaw halves (16) characterized in that:
 wherein the respective direction-changing member (26; 28) comprises a low-wear plastic material and is linearly movably guidedly arranged on a base element (38) fixed with respect to the machine and is connected to a compensating device (42) which is compensating for a tolerance play, which is dependent on the temperature and/or the speed of the mold jaw halves (16), ~~of the mold jaw halves (16) which circulate along the associated guide path (14) wherein the respective direction-changing member (26; 28) is provided with a clothoid-like guide edge (54) for the associated mold jaw halves (16).~~
2. (Currently amended) The Apparatus as set forth in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the compensating device (42) has an air spring (44) which can be subjected to the action of compressed air.
3. (Currently amended) The Apparatus as set forth in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic material has oil inclusions.